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**Milwaukee County**  
*8th District Supervisor*

Mr. Frank J. Busalacchi, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
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March 30, 2010

Re: Hoan Bridge Engineering Studies

Dear Secretary Busalacchi:

Request is made that you follow through on your prior promise to complete the engineering studies for the Hoan Bridge. This commitment was made at the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce office during a September 23, 2009, meeting with members of the Coalition to Save the Hoan along with other concerned leaders.

As you may recall, my office submitted the Hoan Bridge for the first round of stimulus funding last year. DOT rejected the submission because the bridge was not a "road ready" project even though the original re-decking schedule for the Hoan was already past due. There is now a new round of stimulus funding being planned, perhaps as much as \$57 billion. The information given to my office by our Department of Transportation and Public Works is that a new list of projects will be required for this round of funding.

In order for the Hoan Bridge to become eligible, it is my understanding that the engineering studies must be done. Lest the Hoan Bridge become the next Zoo Interchange, I implore you to follow through on this overdue engineering study. Unlike the Zoo Interchange, it will not be possible to put up a temporary bridge over the Port of Milwaukee River and Harbor. Failure to do these engineering studies at this juncture with these potential funds at stake would be gross negligence on the part of all concerned leadership. Please remember that the County Board unanimously called for completion of this study (resolution attached, dated September 24, 2009, vote 19-0). Please reply with a date of expected completion.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia D. Jursik".

PATRICIA D. JURSIK

County Supervisor, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist. and Spokesperson  
For the Coalition to Save the Hoan

cc: Rep. Gwen Moore, Sen. Jeff Plale, Rep. Christine Sinicki, Rep. Mark Honadel,  
Coalition to Save the Hoan members, Mayor Thomas Barrett